officials of the Republic of China has helped in the improvement of relations between the two countries; and

(b) what were the points discussed at the meeting and the conclusions arrived at?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Both sides expressed the desire to improve relations in all fields. While it may take time to settle the boundary question, both sides felt that it should be solved through peaceful negotiation in accordance with the Five Principles of Peaceful Co-existence and that peace and tranquility should be maintained all along the Indo-China boundary.

Concessions for "Sulabh" fabrics

242. SHRI NARAYAN KAR: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any policy to extend concessions to mills for the manufacture of "Sulabh" fabrics; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) and (b) The Government have extended the concession of duty free fibre to NTC mills for the manufacture of Sulabh fabrics. Under the scheme duty exemption on fibre has been given for production of specified sorts to be sold at prices fixed by the Government, subject to certain other conditions prescribed under the scheme.

Ridges of Delhi

243. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE:
DR. R. K. PODDAR:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any plan under Government's consideration to declare the Ridges of Delhi as a fullfledged bird sanctuary/reserved forest with all the rigours of the relevant law for the thorough protection of animals, birds and tree-life adequately enforced there;

(b) if so, by when the decision in this regard will be given effect to; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Parts of Asola, Sahurpur and Maidan Garhi Villages have been declared as a wildlife sanctuary on 9.10.1986.

(c) Does not arise.

Retrenchment in textile Industry

244. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN:
SHRI K. MOHANAN:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government prefer retrenchment in textile industry in the name of rationalisation and modernisation as a package deal;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Deputy Minister of Textiles made a statement to this effect recently; and